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RE: Docket Number 00D-1598.

To whom it may concern at the FDA:

I am writing to express my extreme concern about the FDA's policy on genetic engineering in agriculture.

All GE foods should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.

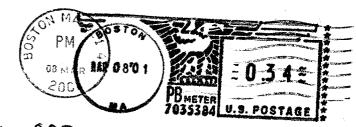
GE foods should not be assumed to be ``generally recognized as safe" and should have mandatory pre-market safety testing. There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

There is no good reason not to require mandatory labeling. Several GE foods have been shown to be unsafe or have doubts as to their safety. Please do not use me as a guinea pig for genetic engineering. I have a right to know what goes in my food.

Thank you yery much for your attention.

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